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SUBJ: CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING  
ACTIVITIES

1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF OFFICIAL DENIES PRESS REPORT GOC  
PLANS REDUCE OR TERMINATE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN ORDER  
COPE WITH OLYMPIC SECURITY NEEDS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGES GOC  
FORCES HARD-PUT TO PERFORM BOTH TASKS WHICH WILL REQUIRE  
RE-EXAMINATION LATER THIS YEAR. POSSIBLE EFFECT ON  
CANADIAN NORAD/NATO COMMITMENTS WILL BEAR SCRUTINY.  
END SUMMARY.

2. BURIED IN APR 16 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL WAS BRIEF  
ITEM STATING "CANADA MAY HAVE TO WITHDRAW SOME OR ALL OF  
THE PEACEKEEPING TROOPS ON DUTY WITH THE UN IN  
CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST TO PROVIDE SECURITY  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S OLYMPIC GAMES IN MONTREAL."  
NO SOURCE GIVEN THOUGH ARTICLE ADDED THAT "PROBLEM  
OF PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE GAMES HAS OCCUPIED A  
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HIGH PRIORITY WITH NATIONAL DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS AND

AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE RCMP."

3. QUERIED ON REPORT BY POLCOUNS, EXTAFD DEFENCE RELATIONS DIRECTOR MARSHALL STATED THAT ONLY SUBSTANCE TO ARTICLE AS REGARDS UNFICYP IS GOC INTENTION ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER TO REDUCE ITS CONTINGENT, AUGMENTED LAST JULY TO MEET EMERGENCY SITUATION, TO 500 BY MID-JUNE. THIS WOULD, IN FACT, BE SOME 75-80 MEN MORE THAN PRE-AUGMENTATION LEVEL. AS TO UNEF, KEEPING 1,000 SPECIALISTS THERE RATHER THAN MORE EASILY ROTATABLE UNITS REPRESENTS HIGHER ORDER OF DIFFICULTY FOR GOC. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WITH TOTAL LAND FORCE OF ONLY 20,000, EVEN WITH SOME MEMBERS OF CANADIAN UNEF CONTINGENT RETURNING FOR SECOND TOURS, IT DIFFICULT FOR DND TO SEE HOW IT CAN MEET ITS COMMITMENTS THERE AND ALSO PROVIDE SPECIALISTS NEEDED FOR OLYMPIC GAMES SECURITY.

GOC INTENDS KEEP ITS CONTINGENT AT CURRENT LEVELS THROUGHOUT EXTENT OF NEXT UNEF MANDATE, WHETHER THIS FOR TWO OR SIX MONTHS. THERE NO QUESTION AT PRESENT OF WITHDRAWING ALL FORCES FROM EITHER UNEF OR UNFICYP, BUT AT OPPOSITE EXTREME GOC CANNOT REMAIN COMMITTED TO KEEPING ON AT PRESENT LEVELS INDEFINITELY. LATER THIS YEAR AS OLYMPIC PROBLEM APPROACHES NEARER, QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE RE-EXAMINED.

4. COMMENT: CANADA'S DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN WHITTLED BY THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT DOWN TO AN IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM IF IT IS TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM ITS FOUR ASSIGNED PRIORITY ROLES OF DEFENDING CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND CONTRIBUTING TO NORTH AMERICAN DEFENCE, NATO, AND PEACEKEEPING. INDEED, PERFORMANCE OF AT LEAST THE FIRST THREE OF THESE ROLES IS DOWN TO OR NEAR THE TOKEN LEVEL, WHICH GOC APPARENTLY FEELS IT CAN GET AWAY WITH IN CONSIDERABLE PART BECAUSE OF THE UMBRELLA EFFECT OF US DEFENSE EFFORTS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ON US SUBSTITUTE AVAILABLE IN THE PEACEKEEPING OR THE NEW, IF TEMPORARY, OLYMPIC SECURITY CATEGORIES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO THE GOC. THE QUANDARY NOW PRESENTED MAY STRENGTHEN THOSE WITHIN DND WHO FAVOR INCREASED GOC DEFENSE  
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EFFORTS AND WHO CAN NOW ARGUE FOR AT LEAST A PERMANENT CONTINGENCY INCREMENT. THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BE THAT THE MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO CARRY OUT ALL TASKS WITHIN CURRENT BUDGET AND PERSONNEL LIMITATIONS. SITUATION WILL BEAR CAREFUL WATCHING AND POSSIBLY TIMELY INTERVENTIONS BY US AND/OR NATO TO SEEK TO PREVENT CANADIAN ATTEMPTS TO ROB NATO OR NORAD PETER TO PAY PEACEKEEPING OR

OLYMPIC PAUL. PORTER

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